STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER JESSICA ROSENWORCEL

Re: Cable Television Technical and Operational Requirements, MB Docket No. 12-217

It is no secret that we are mid-course in a migration from the analog world to the digital world. This is true across so many sectors of our economy. But it is especially the case when it comes to communications.

One of the less-heralded parts of our digital march forward is the transition that is underway with cable systems. Like so many infrastructures public and private, it requires upgrade and modernization. In this case, modernization means moving from analog to digital technology. This facilitates new telephony services, frees bandwidth for high-definition programming, and creates more capacity for Internet access and Internet-enabled activities.

Today's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking clears the way for this kind of progress. It does this by updating old technical rules and ushering in new digital proof-of-performance and signal leakage policies. They will promote efficiency and grow the possibilities of our communications infrastructure. This rulemaking has my full support.